Celebrated by Colored Citizens in Connection With the Signing of the Elsberg Bill.

In accordance with the call of Bishop Alexander Walters of the National Afro'American Council, the colored citi zens of Albany gathered at the Ham ilton Street A. M. E. church last night to celebrate the one hundredth anniver sary of the birth of John Brown and to express their approval of the passage of



REV. JAMES M. BODDY.

the Elsberg school bill, which makes discrimination against colored children impossible. The meeting was well at tended and the enthusiasm was un bounded

The meeting was called to order by William H. Johnson, who in a few well chosen words explained its purposes. He said; "John Brown was not a fanatic as many would have us think. He was fer humanity and did more for the colored race than any other man." After inviting to the platform Sergeant Garry Jefferson of the Thirty first Col ored Regiment, Sergrant Albert Qual lis of the One Hundred and Twenty fifth New York Volunteers, John E Bruce, Brother Kelly of Troy and the Rev. U. M. Gibbons, he read letters of regret from Governor Rossevelt, May or Blessing, Speaker Nixon, Congress. man Glynn, E. E. Cooper, editor of The Colored American; William Barnes Jr., Jacob A. Cantor, Bishop Alexander Walters, Senator Horace White, Booker T. Washington and District Attorney Dyer.

Recorder Lyman H. Bevans rwas then introduced as permanent chairman and the program opened with an 1100 20th St., orrner L. N. W. address, "The Growth of Public Con-science," by the Rev. James M. Boddy of Froy, an elequent young minister. He was followed by John A. Howe Jr., who recited Ingersoll's "Address to the Survivors of the Army of the Potomac." Leo H. Graham recited and Mrs. L. J. Mann of Troy sang a solo, after which the choir and audience sang "John Brown's Bedy."

Addresses were made by a number of prominent men present, among whom was John T. McDonough, secretary of state.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cisco of Long Island, to whom is due great credit for her work on the Elsberg bill, was introduced. Mrs. Cisco received an evation and at the invitation of Mr. Johnson held a reception.

A resolution was adopted thanking and commending "Senator N. A. Els" berg, who regardless of determined opposition and unfair criticism, stood by it until his efforts were crowned with success." Governor Roosevelt to whom all honor is due, "A man worthy of the highest commendation, a good citizen, soldier statesman, one whose grand achievements on the field of battle and in diplomacy, whose fairness, justness and fearlessness as an executive place us ut der an imperishable obligation." Thanks were extended to the legisla ters who supported the bill and to Mrs. Elizabeth Cisco. The resolution says: "To no one person, living or dead, is the state of New York under greater obligations for the complete obliteration of racial discrimination than to this splendid representative."-Albany Ev ening Journal,



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